

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In this Amendment claims 1, 7, 9, 15 and 17 are amended, claims 29-32 are added, and no claims are canceled. As a result, claims 1-32 are now pending in the application. Support for the newly added claim and claim amendments can be found throughout the disclosure, for example, at paragraphs [0019] through [0021] of the specification.

The final Office Action of July 11 29, 2007 includes a rejection of claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent 6,397,387 (Rosin '387). Claims 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Rosin and further in view of Published U.S. Patent Application 20010012024 (the Rosin '024 application). The present claim amendments of this paper obviate the pending §102 and §103 rejections. The previously pending objection to the specification has now been withdrawn.

§102 and §103 Rejections in view of the Rosin documents

The §102 rejection of claims 1-22 in view of the Rosin patent and the §103 rejection of claims 23-28 in view of the Rosin patent and the published Rosin '024 application are obviated in view of the present amendments to the claims. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

The present invention allows programming information to be added to an electronic program guide (EPG) for singular, transitory events such as a press conference, a space vehicle launch, a governmental hearing, or other like types of live events. Conventional EPGs display time and channel information for upcoming television programs, but only for regularly scheduled programs on a predefined existing set of established program channels. Conventional EPGs do not display program information for single, transitory events, unless such events are being aired on one of the predefined set of channels in the EPG. Conventional EPGs, as described in the cited Rosin documents, do not have the capability to add additional temporary channels listing singular transitory events.

Various embodiments of the present invention overcome the drawback of conventional devices mentioned above. For example, independent claim 1, as amended, recites “wherein the program guide has a predetermined number of established program channels, said first information handling system being configured to add the information regarding the transitory broadcast event as a temporary channel created in addition to the predetermined number of established program channels in the program guide.” Independent claims 9 and 17 recite similar features. The Rosin patent and published Rosin ‘024 application do not teach or suggest these features.

Newly Added Claim

Newly added dependent claims 29 recites “said obtaining means being configured to create the temporary channel in the electronic program guide in response to detecting said transitory event information.” The art cited in the application does not teach or suggest these features. For example, the Rosin ‘024 application merely mentions the devices includes up and down buttons for enabling a user to add or delete a web channel.¹

Newly added dependent claims 30-31 each recite “wherein said temporary channel is removed from the program guide after the transitory broadcast event ends,” and new claim 31 recites a similar feature. The Rosin patent, the Rosin ‘024 application, and any other art of record, either taken singly or in hypothetical combination, do not teach or suggest this feature.

¹ Rosin ‘024 application, paragraph [0036].

Deposit Account Authorization / Provisional Time Extension Petition

It is believed that the Transmittal attends to the necessary claim fee, and no extension of time is needed for this filing. However, to the extent necessary, a provisional petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0439 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. However, in the event there are any unresolved issues, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact applicant's representative, Scott Richardson, by telephone at (571) 748-4765 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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